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CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN BOMBAY HIGH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Crude Oil produced in Bombay High during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the production of Crude Oil in Bombay High;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the scheme formulated by the Government to increase the production of Crude Oil?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Oil production from Mumbai High during the last three years was as follows:-

Year	Production (in Million Metric Tonne)
2001-02	9.818
2002-03	11.378
200304	11.646

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Several important steps have been taken to increase oil and gas production. These include the following:

i) improving the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) have taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,972 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields;

ii) increasing exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP); Under the four rounds of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 90 blocks. The Fifth Round of NELP has been declared open from the 4th January, 2005 to invite bids for 20 exploration blocks;

iii) exploring new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also the deeper layers of already producing fields;

iv) developing the newly discovered fields speedily and stepping up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas;

v) acquiring acreages abroad.